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April 26, 2019

Nick Marritz **DEPT MR 70221** 411A Highland Ave. Somerville, MA 02144-2516

Re: FOIA Case Number: 50817

Dear Mr. Marritz:

This is our final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request addressed to National Library of Medicine (NLM) National Institutes of Health (NIH), dated March 6, 2019 and received on the same day. In an email on March 25, 2019, you agreed to amend your request, which was referred to the Office of the Director (OD) NIH FOIA Office on March 27, 2019. In your amended request, you requested a copy of all emails to/from Mr. Damian Sendler and any NIMH, NIAAA, and/or OBSSR employees from Jan. 1, 2016 to present.

The Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR), National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA), and the NIII Center for Scientific Review (CSR) searched their files and no records responsive to your request were located.

While we believe that an adequate search of appropriate files was conducted for the records you requested, you have the right to appeal this determination that no records exist which would be responsive to your request. Should you wish to do so, your appeal must be sent within ninety (90) days of the date of this letter, following the procedures outlined in Subpart F of the HHS FOIA Regulations (https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/10/28/2016-25684/freedom-of-information-regulations) to:

> Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs/Agency Chief FOIA Officer U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs Room 729H 200 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, DC 20201 FOIARequest@hhs.gov

FAX: 202-690-8320

If you are not satisfied with the processing and handling of this request, you may contact the OD FOIA Public Liaison and/or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS):

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In certain circumstances, provisions of the FOIA and HHS FOIA Regulations allow us to recover part of the cost of responding to your request. Because no unusual circumstances apply to the processing of your request, there are no charges for search time.

If you have any questions about this response, please call the NIH FOIA office at 301-496-5633.

Sincerely,

Gorka Garcia-Malene

Freedom of Information Officer, NIH